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NOTE BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

1. At its 78th plenary meeting, on 19 December 1997, the General Assembly adopted resolution 52/12 B, entitled "Renewing the United Nations: a programme for reform".

2. In paragraph 7 of the resolution, the General Assembly endorsed the recommendation that the Security Council, in establishing a peacekeeping operation in the future, should prescribe a time-frame for the conclusion of the status-of-forces agreement between the United Nations and the host Government for the operation in question and that, pending the conclusion of such an agreement, a model status-of-forces agreement would apply provisionally unless otherwise agreed by the parties concerned, and invited the Security Council to consider the matter.

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